

Information for Release

5/14/2013

Date of the notification to CPS: 11/15/2012

Fatality

The date the child suffered the fatality: 11/15/2012

Child's name: Christian Carlson

Age at time of incident: 18 Months

Perpetrator(s): Jennifer Pinto

Age: 26

City, town or general location of residence of the child and perpetrator(s): At the time of the incident, the child and alleged perpetrator were living in Phoenix, Arizona.

A. Circumstances of the fatality or near fatality that indicate it was the result of abuse or neglect:

On November 15, 2012, Christian Carlson was transported to Banner Thunderbird Medical Center's emergency room via ambulance. The maternal aunt, Jennifer Pinto stated that Christian seemed okay at 4:00 am when she checked on him, but then found him not breathing and foam on his mouth at approximately 6:00 am. On admission to the emergency room, Christian's temperature was 106.3. According to the aunt, Christian had been fighting gastritis for the past few days, with vomiting, diarrhea and fever. Jennifer Pinto neglected Christian Carlson when she failed to access timely medical care while he showed signs of illness between November 12, 2012 and November 14, 2012.

B. Whether CPS has received any reports or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian* :

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) had no prior reports alleging abuse or neglect of Christian Carlson by Jennifer Pinto

1. Actions taken by CPS in response to the fatality or near fatality of the child including:

Arizona Child Protective Services (CPS) conducted a joint investigation with the Phoenix Police Department.

2. Actions taken regarding the child and/or other children in the home:

Following an assessment of child safety, all the children in the home were placed in foster care.

3. Whether the agency is or intends to provide direct services or service referrals to the family:

Services provided to the family included substance abuse treatment, supervised visitation, parent aide and case management services.

*Posted information provides whether there have been reports or any current or past cases of child abuse, abandonment or neglect involving the child who has died or suffered a near fatality and the current alleged abusive or neglectful parent, guardian or custodian pursuant to A.R.S. § 8-807(F)(2)(a)(iv).

Information, if any, regarding other family or household members and the child or the alleged perpetrator is not posted on the Web site. Calls to the Child Abuse Hotline that do not meet the criteria of a report because they do not contain allegations of abuse or neglect (or because there is no information provided to locate the child or family) are not posted.